

## SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 462

22<sup>ND</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024

### DANIDA COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT CONDUCTS ON-SITE VISIT TO WATER AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME PROJECTS IN TURKANA

WaterFund with financial support from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) has been implementing the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP) in Turkana County focusing on both refugee and hosts communities across Lopur, Kalobeyei, Songot, Lokichoggio and Kakuma wards. This initiative has led to notable advancements in water accessibility, sanitation, hygiene, and the management of water resources, alongside the introduction of livelihood concepts like small-scale agriculture and social empowerment.

In a collaborative effort, WaterFund, represented by Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager of Programmes, was joined by a delegation from the Royal Danish Embassy's Council for Development, led by His Excellency Ambassador Stephan Schønemann. Together, they visited one of the projects under the Water and Livelihoods Programme (WLP). The primary purpose of the visit was to assess the integration of services and inclusive refugee programs within the Kakuma refugee camp. Under the WLP, WaterFund invested in a range of interventions from borehole drilling to increase production; fetching points to reduce queuing time; pipeline and leaking storage rehabilitation to reduce water losses; and construction of climate proofed pump houses. As a result, the interventions increased water production by approximately 644m<sup>3</sup>/day, reduced operation and maintenance with solarization of boreholes; and a reduction in the non-accounted for water by about 12.5%.

During the visit, Ms. Joyce, a community operator and beneficiary, shared how the water access situation has improved due to the rehabilitation of a 100m<sup>3</sup> elevated steel tank in Kakuma 3 reception center, which receives water from borehole 7A in Kakuma camp. Joyce's role as the operator involves overseeing and regulating the water flow from the elevated steel tank to Kakuma 3 zone 1- block 1, 2, 3, 4, and Kakuma 2 zone 2- block 13. To ensure sustainability, she opens the valve two times a day, in the morning and evening, enabling community members to access sufficient water with enhanced storage for their needs. Community members, especially women, now have shorter journeys to access water, freeing up children to attend school without interruption, as opposed to previously, when they often missed school while searching for water. Additional noteworthy impacts of this project include: Better community cohesion, improved health, improved sanitation and increased economic activities.



*H.E. Ole Thonke (left), Undersecretary for Development Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark with H.E. Amb. Stephan Schønemann (right).*



*Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, Programmes, WaterFund addressing the delegation*



*Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, Climate and Resilience Team, DANIDA*



**Mr. Nicodemus Onunga, Programme Technical Coordinator, SWASAP, WaterFund, giving his remarks**



**A delegation from the Council for Development, Royal Danish Embassy, during the site visit in Kakuma, Turkana County**



**Ms. Joyce, Community Operator, Kakuma 3 extending her gratitude to the delegation**

## **COMMISSIONING OF TIMBONI PUBLIC SANITATION FACILITY SET TO BENEFIT 3,000 PEOPLE**

WaterFund in collaboration with the County Government of Kilifi, led by Hon. Omar Said, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water, Environment and Natural Resources, commissioned Timboni Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kilifi County. This project, funded by the European Union under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proof Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme, is overseen by Malindi Water and Sewerage Company (MAWASCO).

Timboni, the project area, is a rapidly growing trading center with a continuing population growth and vibrant economic activities which require availability of both water and sanitation services to mitigate the risk of water borne diseases. Timboni PSF is set to enhance sanitation access as well as clean drinking water to approximately 3,000 members of public, traders in Timboni trading center and the entire Magarini ward.

During the commissioning, Mr. Felix Wanje, Managing Director, MAWASCO, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a local visionary group, Timboni Community Based Organisation (CBO). This group demonstrated an innovative approach by commercializing the sanitation services offered by the facility. This will be achieved by charging users of the sanitation block a small fee which will in return generate revenue for maintenance, cleanliness and staff wages.

Speaking during the ceremony, Hon. Omar Said, CECM, Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Kilifi County, applauded WaterFund for the continued partnership and support over the years, which has significantly improved the sanitation and water situation in Kiifi. Speaking on behalf of WaterFund CEO, Mr. Martin Shikuku, Senior Programme Officer, WaterFund; expounded on the Fund's extensive support over the years in Kiifi County amounting to approximately KShs. 200 Million. This investment underscores WaterFund's commitment to enabling marginalized and underserved Kenyan communities to access clean, affordable, and safe drinking water.



**Mr. Martin Shikuku (left), Senior Programmer Officer, WaterFund and Hon. Omar Said (right) CECM Kilifi County, unveiling the plaque at Timboni PSF site**



**Mr. Eric Omondi (seated left) Chairperson, Timboni CBO and Mr. Felix Wanje (seated right), Managing Director, MAWASCO, signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**



**A side view of Timboni Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kilifi County**

For this issue and all previous SITREPs, please visit: <https://waterfund.go.ke/sitreps>